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REMARKS

In the Specification and Sequence Listing:

A typographical error was recently noticed: an extra "C" had been introduced into the NotI site of one set of anchor primers. The amendments correct and obvious error, and no new matter is added. The text, Figures 1, 2, and 8 and claims (e.g. claim 29) make it clear that the anchor primer contains a NotI site. One of ordinary skill would know that the sequence of the NotI site is a palindrome, G-C-G-G-C-C-G-C. The typographical error, G-C-G-G-C-C-G-C, would be recognized as an obvious error because it is not a palindrome, and not the NotI recognition site sequence. See page 48 of the 1998/1999 New England Biolabs Catalog, attached as Exhibit A.

First rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a)

Claims 1, 8, 10-3 6 and 42-72 are rejected in the Office Action mailed October 18, 2000 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Erlander et al (WO 95/13369) in view of New England Biolabs catalog (page 11) (1993/1994 catalog). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection on the grounds that Erlander et al. alone or in combination with New England Biolabs catalog (page 11) (1993/1994 catalog) ("NEB"), neither teaches nor suggests the present claimed invention.